

# ***Suggested Editorial***

*The following can be adapted for use in your district newsletter, as an article in your local newspaper, as a letter to the editor or as the foundation of a speech. Localize the article by adding information about your school's directors, details of how board members will be honored during January and examples of ways your board has improved education for the students in your district. Be sure to include board members' names and years of service.*

A quality public education is a key that can open doors of opportunity for many students. Providing that education takes a team of committed people from educators and staff to parents and administrators. The nine members of your local school board are an important part of this team, making informed decisions that direct the course of our public schools.

Every January, we take time to celebrate and recognize the challenging and vital work they do on behalf of our students, families and community.

School directors volunteer an average of 10 hours each month to board work, which includes adopting policy, voting on budgets, approving curriculum changes, choosing textbooks and reviewing hiring decisions to name a few. They take time to learn about the issues affecting public education and to seek innovative solutions.

As unpaid, locally elected officials, school directors are invested in their communities. They are our neighbors, friends, local leaders, parents and engaged senior citizens.

During this month of recognition, please take a moment and show your gratitude for school directors' time, dedication and effort year-round. The job they do is necessary to ensure our schools remain a pathway to a promising future. Thank them for advocating on behalf of our collective interest, and most importantly, for making the success of our children their priority.

## ***School Director Recognition Month***



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